

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 13-35 are canceled by this response. Claims 1-12 remain pending.

In response to the Office Action including restriction requirement mailed October 26, 2005, Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I claims 1-12. Group II claims 13-35 are hereby accordingly canceled without prejudice to filing of divisional applications drawn thereto.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kent J. Tobin', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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